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What: Ribbon Cutting to Kick-Off the 2022 Mississippi Mudbug Festival

When: Wednesday, April 27, 2022; 5:00 p.m.

Where: Mississippi State Fairgrounds – Mudbug Music Area off the Midway
1207 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39202

State Fairgrounds to Host Ribbon Cutting to Kick-Off Mississippi Mudbug Festival

STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss. – The Mississippi Mudbug Festival opens Wednesday, April 27, at 5:00 p.m. on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds. Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson and Fairgrounds Executive Director Michael Lasseter will officially kick-off the second annual Mississippi Mudbug Festival with a ribbon cutting at 5:00 p.m. in the Mudbug Music Area.

The 2022 Mississippi Mudbug Festival, which runs Wednesday, April 27, through Sunday, May 1, includes a crawfish boil, live musical performances and over 20 carnival rides. Feature events include a crawfish eating contest on Saturday, April 30, and the ‘Battle of the Crawfish’ cooking contest on Sunday, May 1, as well as musical performances featuring Blue Oyster Cult, Laine Hardy, Bobby Rush, Tip Tops, Shake the Bucket, Hannah Everhart and Sullivan’s Hollow.

The Tails and Ales area will be open daily with crawfish and beverages available for purchase. Crawfish will be provided by The Back Porch and sold for \$15 per plate. Entry to the Mudbug Music Area will be \$5 on Friday, April 29, and Sunday, May 1. Entry to the Mudbug Music Area will be \$10 on Saturday, April 30.

Amusement rides, provided by North American Midway Entertainment, will begin when gates open each day. Ride coupons will be \$1.50 per coupon, \$25 for 22 coupons and \$60 for 50 coupons, or the public can enjoy all rides for one low wristband price of \$25. Advanced ride wristbands can be purchased online for \$20 at <https://tickets.authenticgate.ca/store/#/NAME/658>. Admission at the gate is free, and parking is \$10 per car.

The Schedule for the 2022 Mississippi Mudbug Festival is as follows:

Activities & Events for Wednesday, April 27, 2022

- 5:00 p.m. – Official Ribbon Cutting - Gates and Rides open
- 5:00 p.m. – Crawfish and beverages will be available for purchase inside the Tails and Ales Courtyard. Free admission.
- 10:00 p.m. – Gates close

Ride Specials:

- Ride-A-Thon – Attendees can enjoy over 20 great rides for one low wristband price of \$25 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Activities & Events for Thursday, April 28, 2022

- 2:00 p.m. – Gates and Rides open
- 5:00 p.m. – Crawfish and beverages will be available for purchase inside the Tails and Ales Courtyard. Free admission.
- 5:00 p.m. – Mudbug Music Area opens. Free admission.
- 7:00 p.m. – Tip Tops performance
- 10:00 p.m. – Gates close

Ride Specials:

- Ride-A-Thon – Attendees can enjoy over 20 great rides for one low wristband price of \$25 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Activities & Events for Friday, April 29, 2022

- 2:00 p.m. – Gates and Rides open
- 4:00 p.m. – Crawfish and beverages will be available for purchase inside the Tails and Ales Courtyard. Free admission.
- 4:00 p.m. – Mudbug Music Area opens. Entry will be \$5.
- 6:00 p.m. – Shake the Bucket performance featuring Hannah Everhart
- 8:00 p.m. – Laine Hardy performance
- 11:00 p.m. – Gates close

Ride Specials:

- Ride-A-Thon – Attendees can enjoy over 20 great rides for one low wristband price of \$25 from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Activities & Events for Saturday, April 30, 2022

- 12:00 p.m. – Gates and Rides open
- 12:00 p.m. – Crawfish and beverages will be available for purchase inside the Tails and Ales Courtyard. Free admission.
- 2:00 p.m. – Mudbug Music Area opens. Entry will be \$10.
- 4:00 p.m. – Crawfish Eating Contest will begin
- 5:30 p.m. – Sullivan's Hollow performance
- 8:00 p.m. – Blue Oyster Cult performance
- 11:00 p.m. – Gates and Mudbug Music Area close

Ride Specials:

- Ride-A-Thon – Attendees can enjoy over 20 great rides for one low wristband price of \$25 from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Activities & Events for Sunday, May 1, 2022

- 12:00 p.m. – Gates and Rides open

- 12:00 p.m. – Mudbug Music Area opens. Entry will be \$5.
- 1:00 p.m. – Battle of the Crawfish begins
- 3:00 p.m. – Bobby Rush performance
- 7:00 p.m. – Mudbug Music Area closes
- 8:00 p.m. – Gates close

Ride Specials:

- Ride-A-Thon – Attendees can enjoy over 20 great rides for one low wristband price of \$25 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

To find a complete schedule of events or more information on the Mississippi Mudbug Festival, visit www.MSMudbugFestival.com online or follow the Mississippi State Fairgrounds on Facebook.

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Media Note: Ribbon cutting will be held at the Mudbug Music Area on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds. Map attached.



The 2022 Mississippi Mudbug Festival opens Wednesday, April 27, at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson and State Fairgrounds Executive Director Michael Lasseter will officially kick-off the event with a ribbon cutting. The ribbon cutting will be held at the Mudbug Music Area on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds, between the Mississippi Coliseum (number 1 on the map) and Livestock Barns (number 12 on the map).